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## THE UINTA BASIN POSSIBILITIES

The Salt Lake Commercial club started something when it invaded the Uinta basin two weeks ago. If nothing else comes of that trip, the basin territory has been given the greatest amount of the best publicity it has received since the throwing open of the great reservation. But there are greater possibilities which may be brought forth as a result of the sociability run.

Why should it be an impractical thing for Salt Lake to build and own the railroad which must in the near future be constructed to tap one of the wealthiest portions of this state? Times were far different when Cincinnati built the Cincinnati Southern railroad from the Queen City to Chattanooga, a distance less than two hundred and fifty miles. Railroad building demanded more energy, enterprise and effort then than now. There were fewer dollars and fewer men, but such obstacles did not deter the big men of Cincinnati. They simply served to spur them on to greater effort.

Cincinnati was in somewhat a similar condition then as Salt Lake is today. Her business men felt that their trade territory was being curtailed by the upgrowth of other distributing points. Cincinnati's outlet seemed to be to a great extent to the south, but the transportation problem was the bugaboo and the existing railroads companies did not seem overly anxious to lay the steel to develop the southern section.

Then it was that the citizens of Cincinnati bonded their city for an amount sufficient to construct the road south of Chattanooga. A wonderful section of country was opened up. Coal, timber, livestock and agricultural products began in a continuous stream to flow into Cincinnati and Cincinnati products returned.

Today that road is a part of the Queen and Crescent route connecting Cincinnati and New Orleans. It is under lease to the Queen and Crescent route, which in turn is under lease as a part of the Southern Railway system. The effort of these big men of Cincinnati is being shown daily in that city in that the less than two hundred and fifty miles of track is bringing into the city's coffers annually the sum of \$1,250,000. This is a big answer to why the tax rate in Cincinnati is so low.

But the country that the Cincinnati Southern opened had nothing like the possibilities in resources that the Uinta basin has. The coal fields which that road tapped could be hidden in the Uinta fields. The same is true of the timber. So far as agriculture is concerned there is no comparison and beside these are the rich mineral deposits of the Uinta to be reckoned with.

There are enough men in Salt Lake who have sufficient capital to build this road. But the question is will they see the light or will they rest on their oars until the orange has been sucked by others who already are stretching forth their greedy hands to grasp the ripest fruit remaining unplucked in the entire west? Will it be the same story of stumbling over the gold at their feet in the effort to get the glittering "fool's gold" just

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beyond? Will they continue to sleep while the stranger breaks through and garners the harvest? How long—how much longer will it be before the realization comes that this city's swaddling clothes have been laid aside and the overgrown village has been swallowed up in a city filled with real live men forced to do their duty by the coursing of red blood through their veins? It is time to move or be checkmated.

## ALTA CENTRAL PROGRESSING

One of the most promising properties in the rejuvenated Alta district is that of the Alta Central Mining company, recently incorporated for six hundred thousand shares at a par value of 25 cents a share. The company has secured a lease on the Old Emma property of which Jesse Knight holds the controlling interest and also has a lease on the Centennial-Emma ground for seven hundred and fifty feet, adjoining the Murphy group on the south and in addition has three fractional claims adjoining this. Those mainly interested in the property are L. M. Adsit, who is president; Charles A. Walker, vice-president; Alex Colbath, secretary; L. B. McCormick, treasurer, and John Stillwell and I. A. Clayton complete the directorate. Mr. Stillwell, formerly managed the Flagstaff and Old Emma properties and is probably more familiar with the district than anyone. The others are likewise prominent in western mining and financial circles. The company is working through the Centennial Emma tunnel on a strong northeast and southwest fissure and expects to cut the first east and west fissure within a few days.

Work commenced on the properties early in August and there is already a splendid showing with stringers of ore all through the workings which are progressing at a rate of six feet a day.

Of the six hundred thousand shares, three hundred thousand shares have been set aside as treasury stock and the company is offering a hundred thousand shares of this at 15 cents a share to be used for further development work. A vigorous campaign of development is being conducted under the direction of Mr. Adsit and Mr. Colbath and every effort is being made to uncover an ore body before the winter sets in. Those who have visited the property state that on its present showing it is one of the best speculative opportunities in the camp and it is anticipated that the initial offering of treasury stock will be quickly subscribed.

## NEWSPAPER CHANGE

E. C. Schmidt (Schmidty) city editor of the Tribune, well and favorably known to the newspaper fraternity, has resigned his position in order to accept one at the head of the press department of the Swanson film interests which locally include the American, Rex and Liberty theatres. It comes as a merited recognition of his ability and his friends are congratulating him upon his ascension. The change means promotion for one of the luminaries on the Tribune staff and it is generally thought that F. V. Fitzgerald will be given the place on the desk. Fitz is one of the real newspaper men in the west and the position will be an easy one for him to fill—soup of the duck in fact—with his nose for news and ability to handle it.

One day—so the story runs—an Austrian general, his moustaches well waxed and scented, called on General von Hindenburg to collaborate with him on some staff plans. The visitor, after bowing himself into the presence of the Prussian veteran, began, "Field Marshall, I have the honor—" "Yes," broke in the Prussian bulldog, "I know you have the honor and I the work, so be brief."

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